

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**November 30, 2004**

**FROM:** PATRICK J. MEAD, Director  
Department of Public Works - **Solid Waste Management Division**

**SUBJECT: PURCHASE ORDER WITH COMPUMERIC ENGINEERING INC./BEAR SAVER FOR  
PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REFURBISHED ANIMAL-PROOF MINI  
RECYCLING/TRASH ENCLOSURES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the Purchasing Department to issue a Purchase Order to Compumeric Engineering, Inc./Bear Saver in the amount of \$39,029 for the purchase, delivery, and installation of 116 refurbished animal-proof mini recycling/trash enclosures to be located in the community of Oak Glen and at Moabi Regional Park near Needles.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) is responsible for developing and implementing waste diversion programs that will allow the County to meet its AB939 diversion goal. AB 939 requires each city or county in California to reduce the amount of waste disposed of at its landfills by 50%. The County, in its approved 2000 Annual Report, was at a 43% diversion rate. The County received a SB1066 time extension from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to meet the 50% goal.

The Forest Home Ministries (FHM) in the community of Forest Falls is a non-profit organization that recently received and is in the process of installing a significant number of new animal-proof enclosures at various locations within the boundaries on their property. The existing containers being replaced by FHM are being donated to Compumeric Engineering, Inc./Bear Saver for inspection, sand blasting, powder coating, and ultimately for sell at a reduced cost as a refurbished container. SWMD inquired about the possibility of purchasing these refurbished containers as a cost effective way of implementing recycling programs to assist in reaching its 50% waste diversion goal. SWMD subsequently received the following quote for 116 refurbished animal-proof containers:

Compumeric Engineering, Inc./Bear Saver - Ontario, CA  
\$39,029 (includes tax, freight, and installation)

SWMD was unable to locate another manufacturer that sells these refurbished bins. However, SWMD did solicit and receive the following quotes for the purchase of 116 new containers:

Solid Waste Systems – Parker, CO  
\$48,111 (includes freight, but excludes installation and tax).

Fibrex Group – Chesapeake, VA  
\$105,009 (includes mounting pad, but excludes installation and freight).

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Because of the disparity in cost, SWMD recommends the purchase of the desired containers from Compumetric Engineering, Inc./Bear Saver as the vendor that provided the lowest bid. The refurbished containers will have the same integrity and life expectancy as new bins. County policy 11-04 requires Board of Supervisors approval for non-competitive purchases exceeding \$25,000. Although three responses (minimum required to be competitive) were received on this item, it is being brought before the Board for approval because the recommended vendor is providing refurbished bins and the other bids received were for new containers.

SWMD plans to place approximately (56) containers at various locations in the community of Oak Glen and (60) at Moabi Regional Park. These areas were selected for placement because of the willingness of the community to manage, maintain and implement recycling opportunities to help the County in meeting its AB939 diversion goal. Currently there are no existing recycling programs at either location. The SWMD recently received funding for \$237,839 through the Department of Conservation (DOC) to implement beverage container recycling. The Community of Oak Glen and Moabi Regional Park were among the locations targeted for recycling initially through the DOC grant. However, the amount of containers needed to implement recycling in all the targeted locations were underestimated and funding became an issue. SWMD in the effort to implement an effective program, decided to accept the idea of purchasing refurbished bins from Compumetric Engineering, Inc. that were donated by Forest Home Ministries to complete the County's recycling programs.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed by Purchasing Department (Aurelio De La Torre, Director, 387-2074) on November 17, 2004, County Counsel (Deputy County Counsel Robert L. Jocks, 387-5435) on November 15, 2004 and the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on November 18, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The cost of purchasing and installing the 116 refurbished animal-proof recycling containers is \$39,029. This cost will be funded from SWMD's FY 2004/05 Operations Budget (Fund: EAA). Therefore, there is no impact on the County General Fund from this action.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item, concurs with the department's proposal, and recommends this action based on the following: The SB 1066 time extension received by the county requires the development of commercial recycling programs to assist in achieving the AB939 waste diversion rate of 50%. Purchase of these 116 refurbished animal-proof recycling containers would be a cost effective approach to aid with this goal. Not meeting the 50% goal could subject the County to severe penalties or fines.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** First, Third

**PRESENTER:** Peter H. Wulfman, 386-8703

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